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Working under Difficulties.

Indiana.

My quarterly report is due in four days, and I can make it better now than then, perhaps—and shall have as much to report now as then. I am thankful that I can say that I have been able to be in my pulpit and preach for the last six Sabbaths, three of them twice a day. But I have to husband my strength to do it. My people appeared truly joyful and grateful to see me in the pulpit. God has given me a loving people, and united, and at peace. There is not a case of dissension in the church. May we not hope for them the blessing in the cxxxiii. Psalm?

There is a very serious attention to the word preached. I have urged a concert of prayer on Saturday evening from nine to ten o'clock, each by himself, or herself, praying for the Spirit upon the church and people, *especially on the morrow*. I find some minds impressed with the importance of eternal realities.

I rejoice to see the improvement in all the churches of our order and branch in this country. They were much cast down when I first came into the county. I laboured and preached with Rolling Prairie church several times. The elder had faith. It is now prospering in a good measure. Also the church at Union Mills, ten miles south of this city, is prospering. These two churches have the means under their control or influence to do well for themselves and the Boards. I did what I could to encourage the Union Mills church, but could not get down to preach to them, as my family was sick, until the good brother came to them, who is now supplying them. My church is making some headway in a very hard city, religiously. The members who can, are working our promising Sabbath-school. Prayer-meetings well attended, and very solemn. I do hope for a blessing upon us soon, in reviving us, and building us up in numbers. Death and removals for years past have drawn heavily from our roll. But it is pleasant to know that some who have gone from us are effective labourers in the fields where they have gone to reside. And others, temporarily absent, send us letters of Christian affection and cheer; others, I trust, are in the mansions above.

We have but little wealth in this church—less than in either of the other two churches mentioned above—though we are in a city. I try to impress my people with the value of those thousands of souls that are indifferent, or following the destructive paths of religious error. I hope God will give me a great increase of physical strength, and grace for this great work. Nearly six months I have been able to do but little. Have tried to be resigned, and learn the lesson God would teach me.

Quick Returns.

Wisconsin.

Our gracious God permits me to report another full quarter of services for him, and a faithful and *beloved* Master enables me to make the report with a *full* heart. I am afraid of vanity, which the secret heart nurses upon a view of prosperity, though no outward mien betrays it. I have seen time mellowing excited impressions often enough, to guard against hasty record of them. But I am pressed at times with a fear of delinquency in failing to publish things which God may have wrought, not for the people who witnessed them solely, but for other fearful and desponding ones. "Publish ye salvation!" The changes he has wrought for us seem wonderful. Indeed, I do hope, that he spares us in a measure, by the plain signals of his own doing, from the arrogance to which we would be more exposed, with greater resources, or less prosperity—the stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, as camps on the beach of the sea they had passed, or Israel after the victory of Gideon's followers, without a heart daring enough to claim any part as their own. Only one year ago we were longing, praying, hoping only for a sanctuary whose foundations had been laid in faith. As I write now, I see its tower rising, the beauty and the wonder of all our people. Its simple beauty is a surprise, as well as a charm, even in our own eyes, so far outvicing everything in our city. Sir, I believe God the maker of our contracts, as well as the inspirer of our purposes. I believe he wrought for us, who wrought of old through Bezaleel and his associates. Twenty months ago we had no one here for ruling elder, and opposers derided our attempts on this account, now our bench of four elders is unrivalled through our entire Synod. Eighteen months ago we had no organization, now we have all the full machinery of our system working delightfully. Two months ago, we had only a hurried after noon hour on Sabbath, for our public services on that day. Now, we have two beautiful little houses—one holding two hundred and forty persons, the other just half of this number—open every Lord's day with three sermons and three prayer-meetings in the week. Yesterday, we raised one of Meneely's bells, weighing five hundred and eleven pounds, to the belfry here, and have taken away the reproach that La Crosse had not a single church-bell among Protestants, except a little one, inaudible three squares. And we have hope for the future, warranted by the fact that all this has been done by the people here, almost wholly. More than once have I been constrained to draw our subscription book from my pocket, and show it, to solve the mystery of our success, and vindicate myself from the allegation of having obtained our funds mainly from abroad. Thanks from a heart glowing with tender fervor to all who have aided us—nearly all—unsolicited. But the amount of all gathered outside our field, is not four hundred dollars. The Lord has provided what is far more precious to us—shall I not say to him?—hearts to work, and temper to work unitedly?

Yet neither yourself, nor any missionary, will suspect the Lord has wrought thus for us, without trying us. This year has been the most straitened I have known in a missionary experience of fifteen years, not for lack of comforts, but of means to keep my name from being a reproach with creditors. In our work, too, we knew we had a good captain on board; we heard his voice and could not doubt he was with us; so we put on the heaviest head of sail our craft would carry. All along through the year I have felt the strain of pressure so strong, it seemed the work would bear no more without peril of a crash. In the burden of my own cares—I do not speak of their critical solvency; I long ago learned to repose all

that on God—but in their multiplicity I have been ready to exclaim, “who is sufficient for these things?”

I enclose to you one or two little things which our Session have prepared, that you may see such agencies as they deem wise to employ. The “Welcome” is prepared for the class whose feeling might be, if they felt at all, “No man careth for my soul.”

And finally, I write a sentence I have written before, and hope to write often again. The Lord had a work to be done in this place; and he is graciously pleased to accept us as workers, and encourages us to do it. To him alone be the glory.

WELCOME.

Respected Friends:—We have now a convenient and pleasant house of worship, and our desire is to welcome you to share it with us. We wish to assure you that it has not been built as a Presbyterian Church, only for Presbyterians to worship in. It has been built with the intention that all may enjoy in it the privileges of God's house. True, as you know, its doctrines and its order are after our form, but its attendance is equally meant for all. Many of you have given your funds for its erection, and, while we express our obligations for this on our own part, we wish to assure you that we have not sought your help, so much to furnish a place for ourselves, as to provide a house designed for every one who had none. Are you unaccustomed to enter a place for worship? This is provided as yours. Are you strangers? This is the stranger's church. Do you sometimes feel delicacy, regretting that your apparel is not as you wish? Our's is the church of such, and we would desire this praise, that in it “The poor have the gospel preached unto them.” Do you feel obscure and unnoticed? Here you need only feel that you are the children of our Father which is in heaven, to have a home in His house. All our seats are free, and the choice of sittings waits for all alike, at every service. Within, you will meet a courteous welcome, and be shown at once to seats, so long as you are unfamiliar.

But we would have it understood, that among the things we do not wish, is to unsettle any who have already fixed habits of church attendance; or disturb the religious preferences of those whom we seek only to profit and assist. And if this invitation shall serve as a pleasant reminder, that you will be equally welcome in the sanctuaries of any of our other brethren, and leads you thither, we shall be gratified, as this is the attainment of our end.

Our services are at half-past ten A. M., and half-past seven P. M., on Sabbath; and at half-past seven on Wednesday evenings.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN FEBRUARY, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Gloversville ch from Mr W J Heacock 50. *Pby of Troy*—3d ch, Troy, 10 60 00

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Concord ch 11. *Pby of Beaver*—New Castle ch 65; Rev D L Dickey 5; North Sewickley ch 3 75; Clarksburg ch add'l 5 50; Slippery Rock ch 15. *Pby of Erie*—Park ch Erie from “Constantia,” 5; Warren ch 17 34; Sugar Creek ch 10 137 59

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Baltimore 1st church 1250; Frederick ch 30; Westminster ch Baltimore 573. of wh Sab sch 345. *Pby of Carlisle*—Millerstown ch 34 25. *Pby of Potomac*—Bridgetown ch 40 82; N Y Av ch Washington D C 57 67 1985 74

SYNOD OF BUFFALO *Pby of Genesee River*—Warsaw ch add'l 28. *Pby of Rochester City*—Wheatland 1st ch 20; Phelps ch 46 43 94 43

SYNOD OF CHICAGO—*Ply of Bureau*—Woodhull ch 10. *Pby of Chicago*—Rockford ch 60 87. *Pby of Rock River*—Scales Mound ch 6 50. *Pby of Schuyler*—Vermont ch 355; Macomb ch 37 50. *Pby of Warren*—Prairie City ch 5 123 42

• SYNOD OF CINCINNATI—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Marshall ch 8; *Pby of Cincinnati*—Bethel ch 12. *Pby of Miami*—Clifton ch 88 40, of which Ladies' Benev-Soc'y 10; Franklin ch balance 3. *Pby of Oxford*—Eaton ch 10. *Pby of Sidney*—Buck Creek ch 47 168 40

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS—*Pby of Bloomington*—Lexington ch 10; Mackinaw ch 4 50; Salem ch 75. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Georgetown ch 4; Dry Point ch 10. *Pby of Peoria*—Salem ch 2 50; Toulon ch 3; Farmington ch 8; *Pby of Saline*—Odin ch 3; Sharon ch 6; Carmi ch 18 75; Salem ch 10; Timberville ch 3; Wabash ch 7. *Pby of Sangamon*—Farmington ch add'l 5; Tazusa ch 7; Providence ch 10; Petersburg ch 70 256 75

SYNOD OF INDIANA—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Bethany ch 11. *Pby of Madison*—Sullivan ch 3 50. *Pby of New Albany*—Jeffersonville ch 31 55; New Washington ch 7. *Pby of White Water*—Union ch 5; Greensburg ch 239 26; Cambridge City ch 5; Centreville ch 5 30 307 61

SYNOD OF IOWA—*Pby of Cedar*—Mt Vernon ch 10. *Pby of Vinton*—Toledo ch 10; Tama City ch 2 50; Salem ch from a lady 20 42 50

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Highland*—Field of Rev. Gary Hickman 15; *Pby of Leavenworth*—Stranger ch 39 45 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Burlington ch from Hon J. M. Preston 20; *Pby of Louisville*—Chestnut St ch Louisville 140 23 160 23

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Pleasant Hill ch 20. *Pby of Palmyra*—Athens ch 2 65. *Pby of St Louis*—Carondelet ch 19 15; Kirkwood ch 36 50; Nazareth Ger ch from a member 10. *Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Ebenezer and Mt Vernon chs 15; Deep Water ch 7. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Savannah ch 14 20 124 50

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Camden 2d ch 26; Allentown ch 24 40. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—1st ch Plainfield 25. *Pby of Luzerne*—Kings-ton ch add'l 15; Shenandoah City ch from Mahanoy Plains Sab sch 20; Tamaqua 1st ch 20; Weatherly ch 20. *Pby of Monmouth*—Squan Village ch 7; Tennent ch 164; Freehold Village ch 55; Holmanville ch 7. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Princeton 1st ch 100; Pennington ch add'l 2; Cranberry 1st ch 127 42; Trenton 3d ch 89 11; Dutch Neck ch 8. *Pby of Newton*—Mansfield 1st ch 100; Swanee ch 2. *Pby of Passaic*—Boiling Spring ch 21 40; 3d ch Newark 55 44. *Pby of Raritan*—Milford ch 12; Frechtown ch 40; Lambertville ch 100. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Elkland ch 2; Canton ch 11; Rome ch 3; Fall Brook ch 5. *Pby of West Jersey*—Pittsgrove ch 61 70; Williamstown ch 50 1173 47

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Rev. E. F. Mundy 37 50; South Salem ch Ladies' Benev-Soc'y add'l 68, Sab sch 15, Thos Mead 5=88; Bedford ch Ladies Missy Soc'y 37. *Pby of Long Island*—Fresh Pond ch 11; Amagansett ch 6 50. *Pby of Nassau*—2d ch Brooklyn 114 25; E Williamsburg Ger ch 5. *Pby of New York*—ch of the Sea and Land 36; Potts Memorial ch 43 51; Weehawken ch 15. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch Newburg 33 426 76

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Bethany ch add'l 3; Waveland ch 34; New Hope ch 15. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Decatur ch 9; Flat Rock ch 3. *Pby of Lake*—Laporte 1st ch 10; Bethel ch 11 25; Millersburg ch 4 75. *Pby of Muncie*—Muncie ch 32 122 00

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Columbus 1st ch 153 93. *Pby of Richland*—Jefferson and Valley chs 6. *Pby of Zanesville*—Salem Ger ch 8 95 168 88

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—Pres ch of Jackson Co Oregon 40. *Pby of Benicia*—Napa ch add'l 5. *Pby of California*—Contra Costa ch 7. *Pby of Oregon*—Clatsop ch 16 25; Brownsville ch 16 84 25

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Hopedell ch 10; Centre ch 13. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Lick Run ch 17; Williamsburg ch 31. *Pby of New Castle*—Kennet Square ch 15. *Pby of Northumberland*—Renovo ch 17. *Pby of Philadelphia*—West Spruce St ch from a widow 3; Chester ch 20. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Second ch from E C B 5; North ch 883 02; of wh Sab sch 50, Inf Sab sch 10; half mon coll's 95 06; Cohocksink ch Inf Sab sch 25. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Providence ch from a lady 2 50; Pottstown ch 30; Holmesburg ch 27 50; Frankford ch 150 1249 02

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Clarion*—Callensburg ch 16; Concord ch 15. *Pby of Ohio*—Pittsburgh 1st ch from E W G 1,000; Monongahela City ch 50 75; Lawrenceville ch Sab sch 10 43. *Pby of Raritan*—Connellsville ch 70 93; Round Hill ch 50. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Plum Creek ch 33 42; Clarksburg ch 15; Smicksburg and Plumville chs 9 1299 53

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of St Paul*—Vermillion ch 11; Farmington ch 5; South Bend ch 40; 1st ch Hudson 10. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Ashland ch, from R B Newhall 5; Austin ch 5; Clermont ch 15; Kasson ch 2 93 00

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Riley Creek ch 2; Ada ch 4. *Pby of Maumee*—Mount Salem ch 11. *Pby of Michigan*—Bennington ch 10 15. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Tiffin ch 15 42 15

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—

Knoxville ch 11 70; Indianola ch 7 20; Hartford ch 5 05. *Pby of Fairfield*—Martinsburg ch 7. *Pby of Iowa*—Evangelical St Peters ch 15; Round Grove ch 11 25; Trenton ch 5 65. *Pby of Missouri River*—Brownsville ch 45 107 85

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of St Clairsville*—Cadiz ch 43. *Pby of Steubenville*—New Hagerstown ch 36; Centre Unity ch Hanna Fund 91 33. *Pby of Washington*—Wheeling 3d ch 20; Three Springs ch 5; Holliday's Cove ch 25. *Pby of West Virginia*—Clarksburg ch 6 25, of which Sab sch 80c; French Creek ch 20 05; Bethel ch 6 05; Fairmont ch 11; Grafton ch 4; Newburg ch 6 273 68

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Prairie du Sac ch 40. *Pby of Milwaukee*—North ch Milwaukee 160; Janesville ch 64 65. *Pby of Winnebago*—Fond du Lac ch Sab sch 14; Robinsonville French ch 12; Horicon ch 13 303 65

Pby of Catawba—James Island ch 3 50

Total receipts from churches, \$8,853 91

MISCELLANEOUS.—Mrs A S Guy, Oxford, Ohio, 10; "A friend of missions," Hamilton, Ohio 510; W S S 25; Mrs Jane Mulholland Philad'a, 5; Matilda Douglas, Rockford, Ill's 1; Mrs L R, Lewistown, Pa 5; Rent of Mission House, 453 98; Mrs Mary R Mitchell, Philad'a, 5; Miss Mary Vance, Washington Penna, 7; Miss Mary E Grier, Danville, Penna 50; Mrs Eliza R King, 20; North Congregational ch Enfield, Conn 43 70; Mrs J E Deklynn, Irvington, N Y 3 33; "Granite State," 3; "F B," Cincinnati, 5; "a friend," Cincinnati, 7; Rev L D Potter and family, Glendale, Ohio 5 70; Mrs M. Firman 1 1160 71

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Mrs Sally Leggett, dec'd late of Louisville, Ky 500, less tax & 34 79=465 21; Legacy of S H Mitchell, dec'd 256; Bequest of Miss Sarah Moody, dec'd 50; Bequest of Miss Elizabeth S Field, late of Philad'a, 50; Estate of James McFarren, dec'd late of Florence, Washington Co., Pa 200, less taxes 21 40=178 60; Estate of Polly K Boughdon, dec'd, late of Lysander, N Y, less tax 470 1469 81

Total Receipts in February, \$11,454 43

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from ladies of Columbia ch, Pa, valued at 350 00
4 boxes from ladies of 7th ch, Philad'a, valued at 1,215 00
1 box from ladies of Warsaw ch, N Y, valued at 100 00
1 box from ladies of Downingtown ch, Pa, valued at 300 00
1 box from ladies of Central ch, Pittsburg, valued at 370 00
1 box from ladies of Rutherford Park ch, N J, valued at 43 80
1 box from ladies of East Liberty ch, Pa, valued at 300 00
\$2,678 80

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY AS REPORTED BY L. L. WARREN, Esq., TREASURER, TO MARCH 1ST, 1868.

Pby of Louisville—College St ch, Louisville, 5; Chestnut St ch, Louisville, 37 89; collected by J B McDonald, 66 50; Mrs Simpson and family, 10 113 89

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Corresponding Secretary—REV. T. L. JANEWAY, D.D.
Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL.

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to S. D. POWEL, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the HOLY SPIRIT to them that ask him?—Luke xi. 11-13.

Contributions to the School Fund.

As many of the churches may have been prevented, by different reasons, from taking up their collections on the Day of Prayer for Schools in behalf of this fund, it is urgently requested that the wants of this department be presented by pastors at an evening prayer-meeting, or to such persons as will feel an interest in it, and contributions obtained for it. The applications made to the Board in behalf of Parochial Schools, Mission Schools among foreign populations, and schools in destitute regions demand of us twice the amount of appropriations made by this department last year. We solicit special contributions from persons of means in various parts of the country, who are interested in these objects.

Contributions to the Ministerial Department.

Brethren in the ministry are reminded that the General Assembly enjoins in cases where contributions have not been taken up for the Ministerial Department on the first Sabbath of March, that they should be taken up as *soon thereafter as possible*.

The Lord of the harvest is blessing this department of the Board. Increased contributions are necessary to sustain its operations. The increased claims of the last and preceding year have left us in debt. We trust, therefore, that the brethren who have not already done so, will at an early day effectively present before their people the wants of this department.

Carl Ritter, the Father of Modern Geography.

The good Herr Hollweg, a merchant of the city of Frankfort, once met with a bright boy, the son of a poor widow, to whom, it seemed to his mind, aid could worthily be extended in the way of helping him to obtain an education. The boy had known little of a father's care, since that parent had been taken from him when he was but five years of age. And yet his young heart was set upon learning, and becoming a useful man. He had enjoyed the instructions of the philanthropic minister, Christian Saltzmann, for several years; and now was anxious to study at Halle. Hollweg acted the part of a true friend, and in time the boy was enabled by his liberal assistance to go to the university.

God blessed the hand of that benefactor, and blessed the mind of that youth. Carl studied many sciences, but none in which he took such delight as in geography. He mastered its details. He pondered with intense delight upon the evidences of great principles in it, which seemed to have almost escaped the eyes of men previously. He became assured that if the anatomist can prove the wisdom

and goodness of God in the construction and movements of the parts and organs of the frame of man, no less can the geographer discern those same attributes in the structure of the globe, which is to mankind a material tenement, a great body, as it were, of which the human race is in some sense the soul. In this vast body he saw as it were the breath in its winds, pulses in its tides, a principle of life given from God every where, like that which in the body makes it fit for the residence of the spirit. He found the birth of humanity in Paradise, its death in the dissolution of all earthly things in the last Great Day. And so the history of the world was linked in his mind with geography, just as the fate of one man's body and soul must go together. In this grand light he studied the history of separate nations. It is said of him, that he held that "their characters were influenced greatly by, and should be studied in connection with, their physical surroundings, all of which have been arranged by an all-wise God, the more perfectly to accomplish the great end of creation. He carried his religion into his scientific studies. This earth was to him not a mere dwelling-place for nations; it was the material out of which life is woven; it was the garment in which the soul encloses itself; the body wherein the spirit formed by God must move. This was Ritter's central thought; all his ideas illustrated, all his researches confirmed it; through the earth as his way he reached God as his goal. The globe was to him but the place where God's kingdom should be founded; and in all his study of man CHRIST became the middle point. In his most valuable scientific writings, the thought that underlies them all, whether his subject be mountain heights or dark valleys, heaths or cities, is that *everything in the world comes from the counsels of God, and bears relation to the KINGDOM OF CHRIST!*"

That glorious and majestic idea became the central one of Carl's intellectual life. He taught it. He wrote many volumes to display its relationship to the various portions of the globe. After teaching in private and in public for many years at Frankfort, in 1820 he was made professor extraordinary in the University of Berlin. Often he was invited to lecture before the Prussian court. There he died, in the possession of the noblest honours, nine years ago. It is delightful to observe that his simplicity and piety were maintained to the last. He is described as a prince in his tall and fine physical proportions, and massive head. Yet his spirit and raiment were very remarkably humble and simple. "He was such a one that when you had looked upon his face, you had read the whole man; and therefore he belonged to that class of minds which infallibly make the same impression upon men of all conditions and mental varieties. The cause of this uniform impression is found in his humility, and in the quiet peacefulness of his inner life, which was more than mere tranquillity; it was the serenity of a *Christian.*"

Such is the picture of the man whom men of science agree to honour as "the father of modern geography." This is the man to whom Germany looks up with deep gratitude as one of those whose influence God has mightily blessed to the revival of spiritual and true faith in her universities, and among her thinking people.

And now we ask the reader of this number of the RECORD, who is possessed of means, to consider, was there any money, of all the unnumbered millions in the possession of the merchant princes of Frankfort, better spent than that which the good Hollweg gave to educate the poor widow's son? How important it is to take up those who have been tried and chastened and ennobled by poverty and trial, and qualify them to go forth and to zealously spread abroad the gifts and blessings which they thoroughly appreciate!

It is finding God in all nature, God in all science, God in all that pertains to

or affects man, which makes our teaching and our life powerful and exalted. Christian teacher, let all your instructions to the young, your prayers, your counsels, your aims, revolve around that central idea, the *advancement of the all-glorious KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST!*

The Right Spirit in a Candidate for the Ministry.

The following brief extract is a sample of many letters which reach the office of the Board of Education in our correspondence with candidates for the ministry. These young brethren should be remembered with tender affection in the prayers of all that love the Saviour and His kingdom.

"These gifts are only loaned. If God blesses me with grace and continued health, your favours will be as bread cast on the waters, to return after many days. Each day my soul cries for more thorough consecration.

"May God hear our prayers, and grant me a healthy ambition to spend life in Christ-like labours and zeal."

Severe Trials of a Pastor and Father.

Many of the most promising young men under the care of the Board of Education are the sons of pastors of humble and poor congregations, labouring and suffering "unto blood" for the church they love as their own life. Shall we withhold from those sons the means to fit themselves bravely to take up the weapons which their fathers must in the course of nature lay down? It will be hard to read without moistened eyes, the following appeal in behalf of a dear "first-born, dedicated in prayer to the gospel of Christ," by a father who was willing his son should bear for Jesus' sake, "that which was behind" of Christ's sufferings, and of his own, for His body's sake, which is the church. This devoted man says: "I am obliged to leave here, though in spite of the remonstrances of my brethren, because with the utmost possible retrenchment, I cannot support my family on what I receive, in comfort and decency, and I cannot ask more of the Board of Domestic Missions. I have tried it for three years in vain. I can stand starving. I and my family have more than once been on the verge of it; but I cannot see my children go, —although, I myself have long been threadbare—I almost naked and uneducated. Had not Providence opened for

me a door elsewhere, where I think I can get plain food enough, and decent clothing for my family, and some little culture to my children to fit them for life, I should be compelled, after eighteen years of service in the ministry, with a degree of success that has more than doubled the number of members here in three years, and in every place else I have laboured, to resort to some worldly employment for my daily bread, rendering to the gospel what time I could spare from my avocation. For preach the gospel I will, while I live, come what may. So I leave this field of labour—a field which needs my labours more than ever—but my son will remain behind for the present. I leave him, therefore, to your care and that of the Pre bytery. I would rather he would go with us, or that he were at some Presbyterian College; but as he feels he ought for the present to stay and push on his studies, in the hope that ere long there will be a Presbyterian professor at least, at that institution, I feel I ought not to interfere. I trust, however, that I will find a good institution of learning near where I am going, so that I can induce him to come after us and live near us. I want to have my son, my first-born, (dedicated in prayer to the Gospel of Christ) within my reach, and under my influence. The best thing next to that, I can do, is to commit him, under God, to your care, and that of the brethren of the Presbytery."

Coloured Students, their Eagerness for Knowledge.

The Rev. W. L. Miller, in making a report as to coloured students of theology, at Biddle Memorial Institute, in North Carolina, relates the following illustrations of the intense eagerness of these long-oppressed people to acquire knowledge. We ask our Christian friends, Can you withhold from these men the privilege of preaching the everlasting gospel, by not contributing the means which the Board must have in order to aid them?

"We have thirty-four students in attendance, some twenty of whom wish to study for the ministry. The government has given us additional help in

the way of clothing, and we have applied for \$4000, but I fear we will not get it. It would touch your heart to see some of these poor fellows when they first present themselves. One came in to-day. He had walked thirty miles, through the mud and rain. His earthly all consisted of two suits of clothing and a note for \$26. He could read very well, seemed to be an intelligent and earnest Christian, and had come up to get more education, that he might preach. He was raised a Presbyterian, but had joined the Baptists. Another walked eighty miles through the snow, and when he arrived was completely broken down. He spent his last cent on the road. One got out of money, and went two days without anything, except a little broken bread. We

have one here living on bread and water, and he says he wont leave while he can manage to get that. Christians must awake to the importance of this Institution. Let me relate an incident. A wealthy minister of Connecticut, pastor of a large church, was in the South a year ago. He gave us a donation of \$150 or \$200. Last December he was here again, spent two weeks with us, preached in a revival, heard the young men recite, became so much interested that he resigned his charge, accepted an appointment in the Institution as instructor, to labour gratuitously, and his wife will do the same in the parochial school. If the church could see what we see, there would be no lack of funds. Help now is most needed for those poor candidates for the ministry."

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN FEBRUARY, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Gloversville ch	\$4 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Slate Lick ch 1; Pleasant Valley ch 7 50	8 50
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Highland ch	14 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Mt Paran ct 3; 1st ch, Baltimore 890	893 00
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Fairfield ch 8; Johnstown ch 36 25	44 25
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Woodhull ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Slippery Rock ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Chambersburg ch 98 05; Green Castle ch 34	132 05
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Somerset ch	4 26
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Mt Vernon ch 4; Sugar Creek ch 9 20	13 20
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —South Salem ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Galesville ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Little Britain ch	13 25
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —German ch, Sherrils Mt	9 50
<i>Pby of Elizachtown</i> —Perth Amboy ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Libertyville ch	2 40
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Roanoke ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Dodge</i> —East Friesland Ger ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Huntington</i> —Sinking Creek ch 39 75; Sinking Spring ch 57 75; Clearfield ch 12 36	109 86
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Evangelical St Peters ch 6; Round Prairie ch 10	16 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Tamaqua ch 5; Weatherly ch 3	8 00
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Southampton ch 32; Easthampton ch 43 55	75 55
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Sullivan ch	3 25
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Shrewsbury ch 14; Tennent ch 100; Squan Village ch 3 75; Holmansville ch 4	121 75
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —New Jersey ch	22 25
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Charlestown ch	6 45
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Kennet Square ch 5; Doe Run ch 6 60	11 60
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Cranberry ch, special, 14 50; 3d ch Trenton 39 77	54 27
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Calvary ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Astoria ch 50; German ch, Williamsburgh 5	55 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Fifth Ave and Nineteenth St ch	4,150 00
<i>Pby of New Orleans</i> —First German ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Oregon</i> —Clatsop ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Somerville ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Chester ch Sab-sch 20; Fifteenth ch 19	30 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Providence ch, from a lady	2 50
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Toulon ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Bridge St ch, Georgetown	44 41

<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —German ch, Passaic	2 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Second ch 34; Kensington ch 50	84 00
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Georges Creek ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Phelps ch 11 28; Port Byron ch 30 51	41 79
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Zoar ch 6 30; Emanuel ch 10; "Little Lottie" 3	19 30
<i>Pby of Saltburg</i> —Concord ch 10 25; Washington ch 5 50; Leechburg ch 18 66	34 41
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —First ch Springfield, special, 26; Decatur ch 15 35	41 35
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Concord ch	7 75
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Ashland ch 2; Clermont ch 2; Kasson ch 1	5 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Centre Unity ch, from Hanna Fund	91 33
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Elkland ch 2; Fall Brook ch 4	6 00
<i>Pby of U Missouri</i> —Albany ch	1 00
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Fond du Lac ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —New Cumberland ch	30 00
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Jackson ch	9 20
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —McConnellsville ch	9 20

\$6,336 13

LEGACIES.

Carlisle, estate of Matthew Parton	\$5 00
Mrs Elizabeth S Field, Philadelphia	25 00
	\$30 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

East Aurora ch 7 50; Mrs J C DeKlyn, Ironton, N Y 5; "T B," Cincinnati 5	17 50
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II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Westminster ch	\$14 25
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —East Williamsburgh ch	15 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Union Meeting 1st ch N Y 1,875 95; Fourth ch 22 56	1898 51
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Seventh ch 9 50; West Arch St ch 65 09; Second and Tenth ch Union Meeting 45; Kensington ch 6	125 59

\$2,053 35

Total amount acknowledged, \$8,436 98

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Recent Intelligence.

A CHURCH HIGHLY FAVOURED.—The Rev. J. R. Ramsay, writing from the Seminole country under the dates of February 12th and 20th, gives some interesting information concerning the progress of the mission; for details at some length, see the *Foreign Missionary* of this month. The church was organized, as our readers may remember, in February of last year, with sixty-six members, of whom twenty-three were received on examination. The Ruling Elders were then ordained. Since that time the Holy Spirit has been manifestly present with power in the religious meetings; thirty-six persons have been added to the church on examination, one by letter, and two who had fallen away were restored to church privileges on giving suitable evidence of repentance. The whole number of church members reorganized and received is one hundred and five, besides eight infant children baptized. The actual number of communicants is not quite so large, a few having been removed by death. Among the members are some who should probably be encouraged to prepare for usefulness as catechists, teachers, or perhaps eventually as ministers of the gospel. The members of this church are liberal, in proportion to their small means, in supporting the gospel among themselves, and in their gifts at Monthly Concert meetings to send the gospel to those who are still heathen.

To the church at Tallahassee, Creek Nation, three members were added on examination during the year to the fourteen who were reorganized as a church. And to the church at Grand Traverse Bay, among the Chippewas, three new members were added during the year.

GOOD NEWS FROM CHINA.—The Rev. Samuel Dodd writes, on the 8th of January:—"On last Sabbath was communion here at Hangchow, and four adults were admitted to the church out of ten who applied for admission. Of the ten, one was an old man who was employed by Dr. Culbertson as a teacher in translating the Bible; another was a man who has been connected as a servant with some of the mission families for a number of years. I had almost ceased to hope for him, though not to pray for him; four were from the boys' school. Of course, we regard conversions in the school with special interest. Five out of seven applicants were baptized at Bing-yiao yesterday."

Writing at Shanghai, January 16th, the Rev. J. M. W. Farnham says:—"I think four boys and four girls of the boarding school united with the church during the year covered by this report. A week ago, last Sabbath, [subsequent to the report,] twelve more were received." Nearly all the scholars, who are not communicants, express a strong desire publicly to profess Christ; more than thirty applicants for admission were examined by the Church Session. Besides the twelve scholars, two other persons were admitted to the communion, and three children were baptized. Dr. Farnham could well say, "It was a glorious day for our little church when the Lord added a number equal to one half of the membership."

At Tungehow also the brethren are meeting with much to encourage them in their work. The chapel was crowded, and a number of persons were regarded as inquirers. One of the boys from the boarding school was received into the

church, and another it was expected soon would be. Fifteen new members had been received during the year.

CHURCH DEDICATED.—INSTALLATION SERVICE.—MEMBERS ADDED TO THE CHURCH, YU-YIAO, IN CHINA.—In a letter dated November 27th, the Rev. S. Dodd writes of having returned from a pleasant meeting of Presbytery at Yu-yiao, Ningpo Mission, and a happy communion service there, where five adults and six children were baptized. The dedication of the new church at that place, the gift of Mr. William Rankin, of Newark, N. J., was an event of great interest; the house was crowded with hearers from morning to night, and each member of Presbytery took a part of the services. Affecting recollections were revived of the lamented young pastor, Mr. Ling-yin, whose labours were commenced in 1863 at this place, with but five church members on the list; now there are eighty-nine, most of them admitted to the church under his ministry. Mr. Dodd speaks of his having often united in prayer with this native pastor that a church building might be given, and a self-supporting church established at Yu-yiao. These prayers have been answered as to the former, and they will be as to the latter. The Rev. Mr. Bao Kwong-hyi was installed by Presbytery as the pastor of this church, after having been the stated supply for a year. "The same spirit," Mr. Dodd says, "seems to rest upon him," as on his predecessor, Mr. Ling-yin. . . . "There has been no communion season since he went there, at which some have not been baptized from among the heathen."

BIBLE TRANSLATION IN JAPAN.—Dr. Hepburn writes, Yokohama, January 24th, that the Gospel of Matthew was finished to the end of the twenty-sixth chapter. After completing the translation of this Gospel, it would be revised and sent to the missionaries and other parties in Japan for their examination. "The country is in a very disordered state," Dr. Hepburn says. Civil war can hardly be averted. Our missionary friends, in that event, would not likely be exposed to danger, nor other foreigners at Yokohama.

ARRIVAL OUT OF MISSIONARIES.—Dr. and Mrs. Kerr, and Miss Noyes arrived at Canton, January 14th; Rev. J. Butler at Shanghai, January 14th; Rev. R. Lennington, Mrs. Lennington, and Mrs. Schneider, at Rio de Janeiro, January 24th—all well. [The Rev. W. T. Morrison and family sailed on the 11th of February, not January, as printed in our last issue.]

LETTERS RECEIVED to March 14th, besides those referred to above, are from Monrovia, January 10th; Sindu, January 15th; Rawal Pindi, January 2d; Lahor, January 3d; Dehra, January 3d, in which the Rev. J. S. Woodside mentions the baptism of a converted Rajpoot on the second Sabbath of January; Allahabad, January 24th; Bangkok, December 2d, speaking of liberal gifts, including a lithographic press, stone and rollers for the Mission to the Laos, by friends in Bangkok; and a note from the Rev. J. Wilson, of December 20th, written after being thirteen days on his journey to Chieng-Mai, himself and family all well; Canton, January 15th; Ningpo, January 11th; Peking, December 23d; San Francisco, February —; Rio de Janeiro, January 28th; Sao Paulo, January 17th; Bogota, January 17th.

Girls' Boarding School at Ningpo.

Its Superintendence.

Soon after the charge of the female school devolved upon the present superintendants, it seemed advisable, for reasons principally connected with the ill health of Mr. and Mrs. Lu, that they should be released from all responsibility connected with it, and that the

foreign superintendants should assume the whole oversight, [which is still continued, September 30, 1867].

Its Scholars.

The number of pupils in the school in October, 1866, was sixteen. Of these four have left to be married, two have been dismissed as unpromising; one who has been blind for sixteen years,

and whose relatives are either dead or have forsaken her, has been provided with a home in the family of one of the native Christians at Bao-ko-tah, the mission paying her expenses. There she seems happy and useful, and from her ability to repeat hymns and chapters from the Bible, makes herself a welcome inmate, and we trust may prove a blessing to those around her by imparting to them some of the instruction which she has received in our school. The present number of pupils is fifteen (one of them at present temporarily absent). Of these five are communicant members of the Ningpo and Yu-yiao churches, nine are the children or grandchildren of our church members, and one is the sister of a church member.

From what families received.

In receiving new pupils, our aim has been to select them from the children of church members; having a better hope of a blessing upon our instructions in their cases, than where the pupils are the children of heathen parents, whose sole object in putting their children into the school is to be relieved of the expense of supporting them. Another consideration leading us to make this selection is, that many of our fellow Christians are very poor, and they have sometimes caused the pastors and elders of the native churches no little grief and anxiety, by betrothing their daughters when very young to heathen husbands, because they themselves felt really unable to support them. The general health of the pupils has been good, two slight cases of remitting fever, and a few cases of mild ophthalmia, having been the only maladies.

Their Studies.

The studies pursued have been as follows:

1st Class. In the Chinese character they have memorized the Gospel according to Mark with the Commentary, and "The Guide to Heaven," and have practised writing the Chinese character. In the Romanized Colloquial, they have been exercised in arithmetic, and in writing and reading aloud the Romanized Colloquial.

2d Class. The same, omitting "The Guide to Heaven," and substituting geography for arithmetic.

3d Class. Mark (without the Commentary) in the Chinese character, and "Line upon Line," in the Romanized Colloquial, have been committed to memory by them, and they have been ex-

ercised in writing the Chinese character and the Romanized Colloquial.

4th Class. The same studies, except "Line upon Line," instead of which they have committed to memory "The Peep of Day," in the Romanized Colloquial.

5th Class. They have committed to memory the "Three Character Classic," in the Chinese Character, and have learned to read the Romanized Colloquial.

The studies in the Chinese Character have been pursued under a Chinese teacher, the superintendant has examined them on these studies three times a week. The instruction in the Romanized Colloquial dialect has been entirely given by Mrs. McCartee, who has during five days of each week spent from two and a half to three hours a day in so doing.

Their Religious Privileges.

The superintendant has conducted family worship every day with exposition of the Scripture read, and occasional questions to the pupils on the portions read, and a kind of lecture has been given every Sabbath evening. Mrs. McCartee has also had Bible classes with the girls every Sabbath, at which times such of the girls as were professors of religion have been called upon to lead in prayer. All the pupils have been talked with, many of them repeatedly, upon the subject of their souls' salvation, and at times several of them have shown an encouraging amount of interest in the subject. They have repeatedly held prayer meetings among themselves, and four of them applied to the session of the Ningpo church to be admitted to the communion of the church. One of these has been received, and of the others we have no doubts as to their sincerity, although we did not feel quite prepared to urge upon the Session their baptism at this time. In submitting this report, the Superintendent appointed by the Mission feels that it would have come with much more justice from Mrs. McCartee, upon whom the greater part of the labour and care has devolved.

D. B. MCCARTEE.

Report of California Mission for 1867.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. February 1st, A. D. 1868, being the ninth day of the first month of the seventh year of the Emperor Tung Chi, and the year Mau

Shin, which is the fifth of the eightieth cycle of sixty years—the same being the tenth year of the Mission to the Chinese in California, and eight years and a half since the missionary now in the field first entered this work.

One year ago to-day he returned to his former labours, after an absence of ten months; the missionary work, however, had not been suspended, but had been well cared for by other labourers.

The work during the year from Feb. 1st, 1867, to Feb. 1st, 1868, has been prosecuted much as in former years.

Notices of Members of the Church.

The members of the church have become scattered about somewhat.

Kum Lum, who from the time of his uniting with the church has ever manifested a lively interest in its welfare, left for Idaho, May 7th. He corresponds with us, inquires concerning the church, prays for us, and desires our prayers for himself.

Leang San Chuen embarked for China, July 3d. Whether he will return to this country we do not know.

So To Ming left for China in company with Dr. Kerr and party, December 4th.

The plan respecting him is, that he join the theological class conducted by the Canton Mission, and that he give such attention to the study of medicine as may be practicable, under the direction of Dr. Kerr.

His knowledge of the Chinese, his taste for the study of English, in which he has advanced very well, considering his opportunities, and his knowledge of the Scriptures and the Christian doctrines, and his naturally bright mind give us reason to hope much concerning him if grace is given unto him abundantly.

Tam Ching, who left for China, January 1st, 1867, and joined the theological class in Canton, continues to please and encourage his instructors.

May these young men be the special objects of the Saviour's care; may they grow in knowledge, in wisdom, in self-consecration, that in due time they may become workmen that need not be ashamed.

Leang Teh Foo returned from China May 27th, and located in San Francisco.

Immediately after his baptism in May, 1862, he went to Sacramento, thence to Virginia City, Nevada Territory, thence to Austin, and afterwards a hundred miles farther into the desert. Great were our fears concerning him

In the summer of 1866, he came back to this city, reported himself at the Mission, and returned to China in a ship in which Dr. MacGowan and wife were passengers, who speak well of his deportment. But so much wandering and exposure to bad influences is unfavourable to rapid growth in grace.

"Not far from the Kingdom of God."

Two individuals, from their steady attendance upon the means of grace, from their eagerness to learn, their observance of our forms of worship, their boldness to declare their belief in the doctrine of the Cross, and other favourable indications have given us reason to hope that the Spirit might be working in their hearts.

One of these, Kai Wo, left for China, September 18th. He is now beyond the reach of our care, and were he still here, we possess no means by which to change his heart. However far off he goes that Spirit may also go, whose office is to take of the things of Christ and show them unto men.

Chen Chung, who, two and a half years ago, wrote from North San Wan, representing himself as a disciple, and asking for Bibles and religious books, came down to San Francisco, in November, en route for his home on the southern sea-board of the Canton Province. His appearance was that of a devout Christian, and, although for a long time dwelling amongst those who care for none of these things, he has evidently been growing in knowledge and holding fast his profession.

During that month of his stay in this city, we kept him almost constantly at work, the assistant taking him frequently with him in his visits for reading and conversation; care being taken, on such occasions, to find those people who use the dialect spoken by Chen Chung.

Another man came down from Idaho to embark for his native land. Since his sojourn with us a few years since, he has appeared friendly to the religion of Jesus. While in business at Folsom in this State, he was accustomed to send for books for his own reading, and for distribution, and to furnish him with arguments with which to oppose the advocates of idolatry and superstition. Through all the weeks of this, his recent visit to the city, he was absent from none of our meetings, and sometimes came to be present at family worship; and ever seemed glad of an opportunity to express his belief in and regard for the religion of the Bible.

May He, who hath begun this good work in him, perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

There are others whose steady attendance at the chapel, and whose good attention while present, is cause of gratification and hope.

Native Missionary Labourers.

A member of the church, Mung Mau, was employed as a colporteur amongst his countrymen for a period of six months, from July 1st to the close of December.

He was sometimes employed in San Francisco and its immediate neighbourhood, but most of the time was spent in the interior; first at Sacramento and towns easy of access by roads leading from the capital; afterwards at Stockton and the towns lying back of it.

The assistant has enjoyed good health throughout the year and has well improved his time; serving when required as our teacher in the Chinese, also, as assistant in the chapel services, and as what might be termed a colporteur or Bible reader.

For the Chinese in San Francisco.

Much time and labour has been expended upon the Chinese living in this city, as well as upon the many strangers, of whom there are at all times many, tarrying here for a longer or shorter period.

Great numbers of workshops, boarding and lodging houses, and other places of concourse have been visited, and most of them repeatedly, where portions of Scripture, tracts, and discourses have been read, with much time occupied in conversation.

In no previous year has the Sabbath-school been so well attended as this.

A few persons have aided as teachers, and the school affords more encouragement as a means of usefulness. A great hindrance to usefulness, however, still exists, owing to the want of regularity both in the scholars and the teachers.

The scholars are by no means all young children; most of them are lads and young men, with a few middle-aged men.

During several months of the year an evening school was taught in the basement of the house by a person who was hoping that the Board of Public School Instruction would accept him as one of their teachers, and allow him a salary; this object has at last been accomplished, and the school is now under the care of the Board of Education, the teacher's salary being paid by them, we furnishing the room gratuitously.

The average attendance in the Sunday-school has been	45
Sabbath, 2 o'clock, P. M.,	52
" evening,	29
Thursday " "	32

For the Chinese in the Interior of the State.

Visits have been made by the missionary to the Chinese in Oakland and its neighbourhood, San Jose, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Stockton, Petaluma, and amongst the thousands of Chinese labourers engaged on the Union Pacific Railroad over the Sierras.

Besides the tracts and portions of Scripture distributed by the colporteur and ourselves, many parcels have been sent to brethren in distant towns, to be distributed amongst those who otherwise could not have been reached.

In all these labours there has been working and exhortation, with long-suffering and doctrine.

Seed has been cast upon the waters; the promise encourages us to hope that after many days some persons may reap the harvest.

The Discouragement and the Hope of Success.

The discouragements peculiar to this field have been no greater this year than ever before, but never before have they lain so heavily upon our shoulders, or sunk with such a weight upon our heart. The lamentation, "Who hath believed our report?" has been often on our lips, but the Comforter, who is never far off, has often come to lift up our head, and to say, "Be not weary in well doing."

A correspondence has been opened by this church with the native churches at the different missions in China; we hope the effect may be to provoke one another to love and good works.

The year has passed without any additions to the church. We must add (with great grief we do it) that the love of some of our members has grown very cold. Nothing in our experience is so hard to bear as this.

Public exhortation or private entreaty does not kindle the flame. The prayers of God's people might direct hitherward some of the fannings of that wind which once shook the place where the Apostles were assembled, and which is yet to stir the whole valley of dry bones. Will the church withhold those prayers?

General Views of the Work.

The number of Chinese in California has not increased during the year, but

more have returned to China than have arrived.

Mining has become less remunerative, but other branches of industry are steadily opening to them.

The Chinese go and come like the tides of the ocean, and by this coming and going many old beliefs are unsettled, prejudices are shaken, if not uprooted, and knowledge is carried to places, to hamlets, to families in the interior of China, which, but for this coming and returning might not for many years be received.

Often are we surprised at the amount of knowledge respecting Christ and his doctrines which we find people in possession of; and go where we will, we find many people who knew enough to tell their neighbours how they may find the way to heaven.

China's hundreds of millions are to have the Gospel given them, and we are their debtors till this work shall be accomplished.

There are obstacles, barriers, heavy bulwarks in our way, but nothing too strong for the Almighty, nothing strong enough to withstand the weapons of our warfare; indeed, the gates of hell itself might be demolished by them, nor need we hesitate to go on that expedition should our commander give the word, and himself lead us on. REV. A. W. LOOMIS.

Many gods worshipped in China.

The Chinese think there are a great many gods, some male and others female. It is hard to say which they regard as their supreme god, or whether they have any such. They commonly worship *Tien*, which seems to mean the same with them that heaven does to us. They also worship the sun and the earth. They also worship Tien-how, the queen of heaven. She is also called Kwan Zin, and is the patron goddess of sailors. Loong Wang, or the Dragon King, is the god of rivers. Then they have also the god of learning, the god of riches, and a very great many others. Then, besides these gods, there are the spirits of their ancestors, and a great many other spirits that they worship. There are, for instance, the spirits of the mountains, and the spirits of the hills, and the spirits of the valleys, and the spirits of rivers and brooks, and the

spirits of trees, and the spirits of rocks, and the spirits of roads and bridges, and nobody knows how many others. I will tell you some of the ways in which they worship them, and these are things that I have seen myself, and know to be true.

The principal way in which they worship these gods and spirits, is by burning incense before them, offering them pieces of gilt or silvered paper, and making sacrifices, either of animals, or of some other kind of food and drink. The incense that they burn, is commonly either sandal wood, which gives a very pleasant odor when burnt, or else a kind of composition made of the dust of sandal wood and other substances, which is formed into little sticks, about as large as a common goose quill. These sticks are called *Joss-sticks*. They are sold in almost every shop by the hundred, and there is hardly a person in China who does not use a great many of them every year.

I have often seen these joss-sticks burning at the foot of a large tree by the roadside. They were lighted and placed there by travellers, in order that the spirit of the wood might not injure them as they went on their journey. This is a very common thing. So it is when they are going anywhere in a boat. They light a parcel of these joss-sticks, and set some of them around the mast of the boat, and place some others before the idol in the cabin, for almost every boat has its idol. I once offered a boatman a dollar for an old dirty ugly idol in one corner of his boat, but he told me no—he would not take three hundred dollars for it, because it brought him all his good luck; and when the boat starts, they commonly light some bits of silvered paper, and waving them up and down, throw them into the water. This I have often seen done, and commonly I have observed that it was done by a boy, or by the youngest person in the boat. I once asked a man why he did so, and what answer do you think he gave? He said it was an *offering to the devil and to evil spirits*, that they might be propitious to them, and not hinder or injure them on their voyage! O how sad it made me to see them so given up to believe a lie!—*Rev. Walter M. Lowrie*. 1842.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN FEBRUARY, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Phy of Albany*—First ch Amsterdam Village 26 86, mo con 18 49; First ch Amsterdam 18 55; Tribes Hill ch 14 45; Balston

Centre ch 36 15; Gloversville ch 26, W J Heacock 100, Rebecca Brown 30, for *Life member*; Charleston ch 22 25; Bull Creek ch 18; Kingsborough ch

230. *Pby of Londonderry*—Second ch Newburyport 100, Sab sch 60 10. *Pby of Troy*—Park ch Troy 57; First ch Stillwater 67 824 85

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Westminster ch 5; Buffalo ch 5; New Salem ch 10; Portersville ch 7 05; Central ch 50, Mission Sab sch for sch at Tunchow 48 75; North Butler ch 5 50; Concord ch 18 50; Glade Run ch 10 50; Worthington ch 19 50; Freeport ch 108 77. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Sewickly ch 200, Sab sch for debt 50; Sharpsburg ch 60 10; Emsworth ch 6 60; First ch Allegheny 181 25. *Pby of Beaver*—New Castle ch 66, Sab sch for debt 210 18, dying bequest of little boy 1; Mahoning ch 22 26; Neshanock ch 142 24; New Salem ch 14 58; Clarksville ch 35; Slippery Rock ch 10; West Middlesex ch 27; Unity ch 39 32; Westfield ch 120. *Pby of Erie*—Georgetown ch 22 75 1,486 80

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Taneytown ch 130; Thornado Seminary Missionary Society 25, mo con 5, Sab sch 2; Patapsco Sab sch for Corisco 30; First ch Baltimore 2,108 11. Mrs Brown 1,000; Frederick ch 37; Second ch Baltimore 200; Westminster ch Baltimore 343, Mission Sab sch 32. *Pby of Carlisle*—Silver Spring ch 34 60, Estate of Matthew Patton deceased 5; Harrisburg Sab sch for Rio chapel 1,000; Middle Spring ch 6 50; Wells Valley ch 16 25. *Pby of Leves*—Pitts Creek ch Newtown Sab sch 29. *Pby of Potomac*—Bridge st ch Georgetown 97 23; Seventh st ch Washington 8 70; New York Avenue ch Washington 57 67 5,167 11

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Portageville ch 8 40, Sab sch 5; Tuscarora ch 4. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Morristown ch 8; Second ch Oswegatchie 30. *Pby of Rochester City*—First ch Wheatland 25 80 40

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Arlington ch 5; Calvary ch 10 50; Woodhull ch 10; Rev D L Dickey 5; Coal Valley ch 2 15. *Pby of Chicago*—Victor ch 5; Fullerton ave ch Chicago 70; North ch Chicago 278 43. *Pby of Rock River*—Rev Edward Wright 2; Sterling ch 47 50; German ch Galena 7 60; German ch Forreston Grove 11. *Pby of Warren*—Monmouth ch Mission Infant Sab sch 2 56; Oneida ch 10 25 466 99

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Washington ch 18; Union ch 15; North Fork ch 43 75; Pisgah ch 100; Lyndon Sab sch for Bogota chapel 10; Salem ch 188. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Lebanon ch 5; First ch Cincinnati 127; Pleasant Ridge ch 39 15; Fifth ch Cincinnati 36 62; Seventh ch Cincinnati mo con 12 52. *Pby of Miami*—Second ch Springfield 100; Xenia ch 89 81, Sab sch 54 19; Brick ch South Charleston Sab sch 2; Gettysburg ch 17 90; First ch Dayton Sab sch 59 04; First ch Springfield 78 75; Dicks Creek ch 25. *Pby of Oxford*—Hamilton ch 84. *Pby of Sidney*—Buck Creek ch 5 1,110 73

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Union Grove ch 15; Waynesville Sab sch Ebenezer Davenport 10; Farm Ridge ch 17 36; Towanda Sab sch for debt 6. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Galum ch 5; Greenville ch 26 80; Zion German ch 5 75; St John's German ch 3 75; Hillsboro ch 20 60; Pleasant Ridge ch 7 55; Moro ch 5; Rockwood ch 12, Sab sch 3. *Pby of Peoria*—Prospect ch to con David Henry and W Jones *Life members* 65 70; Salem ch 7 40; Toulon ch 3; Farmington ch 10; First ch Peoria Sab sch 50; Elmwood ch 17 45. *Pby of Saline*—Salem ch 6 50; Odin ch 11 40. *Pby of Sangamon*—Third ch Springfield 12 70; First ch Decatur 40 25 362 21

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Bloomington ch 20; Franklin ch 39, Sab sch 11. *Pby of Madison*—Lexington ch 19; Donaldson ch 10; Scipio ch 5 30. *Pby of New Albany*—Livonia ch 6; Orleans ch 4; Sharon ch 3; Jeffersonville ch 37 05. *Pby of Vincennes*—Upper Indiana ch 9; Carlisle ch 10; Sullivan ch 2 25. *Pby of White Water*—Ebenezer ch 7 50; Brookville ch 12 67, Sab sch for debt 4 33; Cambridge ch 4; Metamora ch 3 75; Centreville ch 6 204 85

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Summit ch 18 Sab sch class No 1 for debt 2; Long Grove ch 6; Springville ch 8; Tipton ch 33 91, Sab sch 18 92; New York ch 4; Mt Vernon ch 10, Sab sch 2. *Pby of Dubuque*—Franklin Sab sch 1 63; Independence

ch 14 89; Milo ch 4 25; Scotch Grove ch 13. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Ostfriesland ch 2. *Pby of Vinton*—Salem ch 14 150 56

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—J M Preston Burlington 30. *Pby of Louisville*—Fourth ch Louisville 24 80; Walnut st ch Louisville 40 60. *Pby of West Lexington*—First ch Lexington 35; Second ch Lexington 325 40 455 80

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—Athens ch 4 30. *Pby of Potosi*—Ironton ch 26 75; Irondale ch 13. *Pby of St Louis*—Zoar ch 15; First ch St Charles 13; Emanuel ch 10; Kirkwood ch 35, Sab sch 5 55; Deepwater ch 35 70. *Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Washington ch 5. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Albany ch 1; Parkville ch 10; Mirabile ch 10; Dawn ch 7 191 30

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Holston*—Salem ch 10; Mt Bethel ch 10 20 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethtown*—Metuchen ch 95 16; Baskingridge ch 60. *Pby of Luzerne*—Kingston ch 35 82; Eckley ch 15 75; White Haven ch 4 50; Weatherly ch 14 50; Charlie Penrose three years old 1 50; First ch Scranton 228; Manch Chunk Sab sch for debt 237, Infant sch for debt 14 50; Tamaqua ch 20. *Pby of Monmouth*—Squan Village ch 6 30; Tennent ch 200. *Pby of Newton*—Lower Mt Bethel ch 27 45; Harmony ch 52 35; Newton ch 250; Fredonia Sab sch add'l 70; Philipsburg ch 23 75, Sab sch for debt 9 50, and Union Sab sch for debt 1 50. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Second ch Trenton 11 40; Kingston ch 52 10; Ewing ch 25; First ch Trenton 330; Third ch Trenton 83 33. *Pby of Passaic*—First ch Morristown mo con 22; Springfield ch 74 11; Wickliffe ch mo con 9 25; Boiling Spring ch mo con 13 24; Third ch Newark for Rio chapel 79 78; Young People's Missionary Society 168 98; Mt Freedom ch 62 05. *Pby of Raritan*—Musconnetcong Valley ch 20, Sab sch 6 50; New Hampton Sab sch 21 50; Milford ch 12. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Orwell ch 8 80, Sab sch 1 20; Elkland ch 10; Canton ch 15; Fall Brook ch 5; Rome ch 3; Stevensville ch 4; Rushville ch 2; Barclay ch 14 02. *Pby of West Jersey*—Williamstown ch 50; First ch Bridgeton 425; Second ch Bridgeton Mission Sab sch 5; Fislerville ch 26 25; Pittsgrove ch 51 65; Salem ch 80 2,991 44

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—South-east Centre ch 10 45; Rye ch 11 50; South Salem ch 12; Miss Luey J Wood 5; Sab sch 15; Bedford ch 76 50; Thompsonville ch 40. *Pby of Hudson*—Washingtonville ch 12; Florida ch 5; Mt Hope ch 44 25. *Pby of Long Island*—Fresh Ponds ch 18; Sab sch 11; Second ch Huntington 52; Amansett ch 6 50. *Pby of Nassau*—First ch Brooklyn mo con 35 63; Astoria ch mo con 23 91, Mission sch 25; Hempstead ch 16 91; Woodhaven ch 15 60, Sab sch for debt 3 62; Geneva ch bal of *Life member's* 69 55; South Third st ch Williamsburg mo con 40 15; Ainslie st ch Williamsburg 109 50. *Pby of New York*—First ch New York mo con 189 55; Brick ch mo con 112 40; Mission ch mo con 14 60; Chelsea ch mo con 26; First ch Jersey City 436 35; mo con 63 50, Sab sch 50; University Place ch mo con 25; Fifth ave and 19th st Sab sch for debt 46 85. *Pby of New York 2d*—Mt Washington ch 100. *Pby of North River*—Cold Spring Sab sch 6; Marlboro ch annual con 24 45, mo con 15 93, Sab sch 24 60; Middle Hope ch 16, Sab sch 4 1,928 32

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—First ch Terre Haute 24 20; Waveland ch 21; New Hope ch 5. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Liberty ch 10; Roanoke ch 5. *Pby of Lake*—First ch Goshen 25 56, Sab sch 50; Mullensburg ch 3 25; First ch La Porte Sab sch for debt 14. *Pby of Logansport*—First ch Lafayette 33 37; Perrysburg ch 6 50; Indian Creek ch 5. *Pby of Muncie*—New Castle ch 7 25 210 13

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Blendon Sab sch for Siam 10. *Pby of Marion*—Delaware ch 13. *Pby of Richland*—Vermillion Institute 20; Chesterville ch 10 60; Perrysville ch 32 10; Clear Fork ch 4 75; Mt Vernon ch 46 10; Hayesville ch 40 30; Millwood ch 5; Mt Pleasant ch 10 25, Sab sch 14. *Pby of Wooster*—Wooster ch 37 94, Sab sch for debt 44 06; Congress Sab sch for debt 3; Wayne Sab sch for debt 4; East Canaan Sab sch for debt

238; Jackson ch 19 20, Sab sch for debt 16 08; Apple Creek ch 19, Sab sch 26; Holmesville ch 11; Orrville ch 5. *Pby of Zanesville*—McConnellsville ch 28 15; Buffalo ch 27; Second ch Zanesville 35; Salem German ch 12 495 91

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Napa City ch 25; Westminster ch 13 25. *Pby of California*—Watsonville ch Mrs Silliman for India 14; First ch San Francisco mo con 43 90, Rev Charles Russell 5. *Pby of Oregon*—Brownsville ch 6; Presbyterian ch Jackson County 20 127 15

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Hope-well ch 13; Centre ch 17. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Bellefonte ch 177 01; Spruce Creek ch 4 25; Pine Grove ch 7 25, Sab sch for debt 19 50, for Siam 10 50, Sewing Society 40; Waynesburg Sab sch for debt 30; Lick Run ch 12; Alexander ch 120; First ch Hollidaysburg Female Foreign Missionary Society for Girls Orphan School, Allahabad 80 10; Sinking Valley ch 7; West Kishacoquillas 95; Milroy ch 120; Williamsburg ch 60. *Pby of New Castle*—White Clay Creek and Head of Christiana chs 25; Oxford ch 228; Doe Run ch 10 65. *Pby of Northumberland*—Lycoming ch 23, Sab sch for debt 15; Mahoning ch 143 77. *Pby of Philadelphia*—First ch Chester 55, Sab sch 25, for debt 120; Tenth ch Philadelphia add'l 408; Woodland ch 92 90; West Spruce st ch a widow 3. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Central ch Philadelphia Wm Thomson 5; Second ch Philadelphia E C B 5; Cockosink ch Infant Sab sch 7 75; Spring Garden ch Miss Smith 100, Miss Greenleaf 100, J Coombs 50, H D Gregory 50, Rev James Clark 20, W D Duff 10, E Hocker 10, R L Herkness 5, H H Shillingford 5, E C Granger 5, W R Granger 5, J P Hall 5, H C Cochran 10, other collections 149 54; North ch Philadelphia half mo con 95 06; Kensington Sab sch for debt 120. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—First ch Germantown 593 29; Bensalem ch 8 16, Sab sch 12 15; Providence ch a lady 2 50; Pottsdam ch 19; Newtown ch 43 52; Conshohocken ch 10; Spring Hill Sab sch 4; Abington ch mo con 32 07 3,443 97

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Wilkinsburg ch 33 20; New Alexandria Sab sch for debt 13 85; Beulah ch 29 92; Congruity ch 34 20; Black Lick ch 16; Fairfield ch 15. *Pby of Clarion*—Callensburg ch 9, Sab sch for debt 5; Concord ch 5, Sab sch for debt 2; Licking ch 23 50; Leatherwood ch 15 50; Emlenton ch 8; Middle Creek ch 17; Oak Grove ch 3; Bethesda ch 30. *Pby of Ohio*—Monongahela City ch 52 35; West Elizabeth Sab sch 2 50; Forrest Grove ch 11; Millers Run ch 22; Chartiers ch 116 65, Sab sch for debt 17 26; Bellefield ch 41 58, Miss C Foster proceeds of fair 25 25; Lawrenceville ch Ladies Mite Society 90; First ch Pittsburg 742 60. *Pby of Redstone*—Uniontown Sab sch for debt 7 87; New Providence ch 5; Little Redstone Sab sch to con Stephen R Nutt *Life member*, 30; First ch McKeesport 42 20; Rehoboth ch 45 55; Spring Hill Furnace ch 3, Sab sch 10; Brownsville ch 20; Georges Creek ch 12; Sewickley ch 32 85. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Appley Manor ch 8 05; Crooked Creek ch 5 50; Cherry Run ch 888; Cherry Tree ch 30, Sab sch for debt 4; Bethesda ch 6 20; Parnassus ch 15 22; Elderton ch 9 36; Rural Valley ch James McCash 4 40, Sab sch for debt 23 36; Ebenezer ch 32 90; Boiling Spring ch 33 06; Elders Ridge ch 25 19; West Lebanon ch 19 25; Smixburg and Plumville chs 15 1,835 80

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Galesville ch 3; Sab sch 2; Lansing Sab sch for debt 7; Caladonia ch 9, Sab sch 8; Sheldon ch 6; Yucatan Station 3. *Pby of St Paul*—First ch Rockford 6; Medina ch 3 08. *Pby of Minnesota*—First ch Lake City 13 25, Sab sch for debt 6 75; Owatona ch for Brazil Mission 15; Austin ch 2; Claremont ch 3; Kasson ch 1 88 63

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Truro Sab sch for debt 5. *Pby of Maumee*—Bryan ch 15; Hicksville ch 9 85; Union ch 3 70, Lawrence M Junkin's missionary box 1 45; Unity ch 6; Mt Salem ch 8; Eagle Creek ch 1 70. *Pby of Michigan*—Concord ch Carpe Lake 20 72 70

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Albia ch 4; Des Moines ch 42 50; Chariton ch 8. *Pby of Fairfield*—Liberty ch 4; Lafayette ch 4;

Birmingham ch 12 95 William Elliott 14 85. *Pby of Iowa*—Union ch Fort Madison 12 65, Sab sch 6 85. *Pby of Missouri River*—First ch Nebraska 22 65; Brownsville ch 21 153 43

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Liberty ch 5 10. *Pby of Steubenville*—Beech Spring ch 35, for debt 15; Oak Ridge ch 8 50, Sab sch for debt 5; Big Spring ch 11; Bloomfield ch 21 16, Sab sch 18 53, and Willie M Hervey's missionary box 1 31 for debt; Centre Unity ch Hanna Fund 91 33; Wellsville ch 53, Sab sch 18; Bethlehem ch 15; Waynesburg ch, add'l 18. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Rock Hill ch 30 30; Mt Pleasant ch 53 93. *Pby of Washington*—Fairview ch 20, for debt 10; Forks of Wheeling ch 170; Upper Buffalo ch 54; Three Springs ch 7; Hollidays Cove ch 15; First ch Wheeling 136; Frankfort ch 60; Cross Creek ch 69 63; Unity ch 6; Mt Prospect ch 24 80; Cross Roads ch 33 36, Sab sch for debt 30 34; Mill Creek ch 13 85; Pigeon Creek ch 72 25. *Pby of West Virginia*—Grafton ch 8; Fairmont ch 6; French Creek ch 29 15, 1,106 14

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Richland Centre ch 4; Richland City ch 3; Fancy Creek ch 3; Verona Sab sch 10 75. *Pby of Milwaukee*—North ch, Milwaukee 160 50; Waukesha ch 24.

Pby of Winnebago—First ch Winneconne 5; Depere ch 11 25; First ch, Neenah 19 83 243 33

SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.—*Pby of New Orleans*—First German ch New Orleans 50 00

Total received from churches \$23,268 62

LEGACIES.—Estate of Charles O Neil, deceased, Westchester Co, N Y 2,000; Legacy of Ann Allen, deceased, Shelbyville, Ky 100; Legacy of S H Mitchell, deceased, Westmoreland Co, Pa 256; Bequest of Miss Elizabeth S Field, deceased, Philadelphia, 50; Bequest of James M'Farren, New Florence, less tax, etc 178 60 2,584 60

MISCELLANEOUS.—William Rankin for Rio chapel 25; Rev William Scribner 10; Rev J D Paxton, D.D., 10; W Bogert, Metuchen, N J 10; Rev H A Barclay, Kossuth, Iowa, to con self *Life member* 10; General Loomis 5; a Friend 1; left at Mission House 75; J Kirk Pierce, a thank-offering 5; Mrs Elizabeth King to con Miss Ellen Slocum *Life member* 30; Paul Du Chailly for Corisco 50; Bellevue ch, Nebraska 16; Lowell Mason, Howard Bailey, and Lapsley Armstrong M'Affee, Louisiana, Mo 3; a Friend Albany 1 50; Congregational ch, North Enfield, Conn 43 69; R B C 1; Rev S H M'Donald for Bogota chapel 5; Rev Thomas S Childs, D.D., 25; T R 100; Mrs J E De Klyn, Irvington, N Y 5; Rev T K Davis, Haysville, Ohio for Rio chapel 1; Rev W A P Martin, D.D., Peking, China 100; Mary Vance 7; Mrs N M Geary, Albany, Oregon, 10; Mrs C Cause 10; Ada, Willie, and Laura Cause 2; Pilgrim Baptist ch Sab-sch, West Farms, N Y 10; Rev E Kudobe 1; "Granite State" 3; Somerset Home and Foreign Missionary Soc'y, Henry Co, Ills 10; two Friends, Bloomsburg, Pa 10; S M H 100; Savings of Mrs Ashmun 1; A M Morrison 1 50; Four Year Old Charle 50 cts; Willie for the heathen 1; Lucie 1; Davie 1; Hazey 1; Miss Jane Mulholland, Philadelphia 5; Mrs J D Wilkinsburg, Pa, for Bogota mission 1; Rev S M Henderson, Wilkinsburg, Pa, for Bogota chapel 5; Mrs J M Henderson, Wilkinsburg, Pa, for Tungchow sch 5; First Ward Mission Sab-sch Allegheny City, Pa 12 50; F. B, Cincinnati 5; a Friend 5; Rev L D Potter and family, Glendale, Ohio 7 70; Mrs M Furman 1; S F Furman 1; H— a dying gift 1 25 751 64

Total Receipts in February, 1868, \$26,604 86
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Annual Collection for the Board.

By direction of the General Assembly, the Annual Collection for the Colportage and Distribution Funds of the Board of Publication is appointed, in all the churches which have not a special arrangement for it on some other day, on the *First Sabbath of May*. We ask all pastors and other readers of the *Record* carefully to read the appeal made below.

The Departments of our Work.

It is scarcely necessary to remind our readers that there are two distinct departments in our Board. First, there is the Department of Production, under which we include the preparation, the publication, and the sale of books, tracts, and papers. We do not call on the churches for contributions to sustain this branch of our operations. It is carried forward, on business principles, and upon a capital contributed several years ago for that purpose. It is designed to support itself, and the prices of our various publications are always put at the lowest practicable figure. As a consequence, nothing can be drawn from that source for the prosecution of the second, or missionary, branch of our work.

Secondly, there is the Department of Distribution, through which we aim to scatter broadcast our issues, by grants to the needy, "without money and without price." For the successful prosecution of this work, we are dependent altogether upon individual and congregational contributions. According to their liberality will be the magnitude of our missionary operations. If contributions of money are *withheld*, we can do nothing to circulate our sound literature in the waste places of the land, and among those who hunger for the bread of life, but cannot of themselves procure it. If contributions are *liberally* bestowed we can largely send leaves of truth to places which the pulpit scarcely reaches, or we can, in a happy manner, supplement its efforts.

COLPORTAGE.

This missionary department of our work again has two sub-divisions. First, we employ colporteurs whom we send all over our country, and

into the British Provinces, to sell and gratuitously distribute our issues. The greatness of the work which they do will be indicated by simply mentioning the statements made to the last General Assembly, of the results of the preceding year. We had in commission one hundred and forty-five colporteurs, who performed nine thousand one hundred and twenty-two days of labour, sold seventy thousand nine hundred and five volumes; distributed gratuitously forty-five thousand nine hundred and ninety-five volumes, and one million forty-three thousand one hundred and eighty pages of tracts, and visited three hundred and twenty-two thousand eight hundred and seventy persons, with many of whom they had religious conversation and prayer. Many of these brethren, who are recommended for employment by Presbyteries, are literally walking preachers of the gospel in sparsely settled regions of the country, where the means of grace do not regularly and fully operate with their blessed and saving influence. Who can estimate the results for time and eternity of their year's labours? Their books, and tracts, and words of love are left behind nevermore to be seen by them in this life; but we cannot doubt that they will meet many souls at the last day, on the right hand of the great Judge, who will trace the beginning of the saving work in them to the word kindly spoken, and the tract freely given. The General Assembly recommends that a collection for this Fund be taken up in all our churches on the **FIRST SABBATH IN MAY**. One of its resolutions is "That the right arm of the Board, its system of colportage, *ought to be more directly presented to their churches by pastors and ruling elders, as the chief claim of this department of church enterprise, for their liberal help.*" We make an earnest appeal for a liberal response to this recommendation, and we enforce it by simply reminding our brethren, in the various congregations, that every contribution which is given helps to send a living voice, accompanied by a well tried tract or book, to perishing souls who either live under the droppings of the sanctuary but enter them not, or are in the regions beyond, and seldom or never hear the ordained minister of Jesus. *Help, brethren, help to preach the gospel to them.*

THE DISTRIBUTION FUND.

The second sub-division of our missionary work, is carried on through the Distribution Fund, which is designed to meet applications, made directly to the Executive Committee, for grants of publications to those who cannot buy and are not reached by the Colporteurs. We are constrained to make an urgent appeal for *immediate contributions* to this Fund.

Many mission Sabbath-schools apply to us to help them in their operations. The children can be brought together; but the necessary apparatus for the successful prosecution of the Sabbath-school work—library books, question books, papers, &c.,—must be procured elsewhere, and we are often entreated to furnish them. Teachers in Sabbath, and other schools among the Freedmen, send forward a cry to us for aid in their

efforts to instruct the suffering race. They cannot buy. They scarcely have the means wherewith life may be supported; but they are intensely eager to learn. Ministers of the gospel, struggling along through these hard times, on meagre salaries that scarcely procure them the necessaries of life, write to us for a few books on which their minds may feed, and which they may use in their pulpit preparation, and for tracts which they may place in the hands of the people whom they visit. Yes! ministers, men of education and of refinement of heart and mind, who have given themselves to Christ in the most self-denying of all life-works, ask for donations of books, through us, from their more favoured brethren.

Letter after letter comes to us from these various quarters, appealing for grants. We would gladly respond to them all, and thus send joy to many a heart. But our ability to do so depends on the contributions to the Distribution Fund. And that is now about exhausted. A short time ago we addressed, to the members of our churches, a special appeal for contributions for it, which met with many kindly responses, which have enabled us to send donations in answer to many of these applications. The answers to them, however, have again emptied the Fund. Unless it is replenished, we shall be sorrowfully compelled to turn a deaf ear to letters that we are now receiving. Must we do this? Will not Pastors, Elders, private Christians, and Sabbath-schools in highly favoured regions, save us from this sad necessity? Let Superintendents bring the matter before their schools, and Pastors before the members of their churches. And wherever a brother or a sister can give something for the work, be it the mite of the poor widow, or the dollars of the wealthy, let it be forwarded *at once* to "The Distribution Fund."

HOW GRANTS ARE RECEIVED.

As instances of the way in which grants, for the means to make which we thus appeal, are received, we quote from two letters recently sent to the office by missionaries among the Freedmen. One writes from North Carolina in the beginning of January: "You will receive my most unfeigned and hearty thanks for your package of books. Such a treat was never before enjoyed by the coloured race in this country. It is a gift indeed to the poor and needy, and many of them highly appreciate it. I will use it to the best advantage, and donate it where I think it will accomplish the most good. I am now teaching a Freedman's school. All who are in it were beginners, but, with a few exceptions, they are learning rapidly. I have had much to contend with in this work. Still I am not without tokens of usefulness, and hope in due time to have an ingathering, if I faint not." Another writes from Georgia: "I must acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter and most liberal donation, which latter came safely to hand to day, containing a library of choice books, Catechisms, Hymn books, S. S. music, tracts, papers &c., in abundance, and most happily selected. You seem to know what suits the negroes. I know they will be delighted with them, and I most sincerely pray that God's

blessing may rest upon both givers and receivers." We might quote similar expressions from scores of letters.

Brethren! Remember that the Annual Collection to help forward this work comes on the *First Sabbath in May*. Do what you can, to aid us.

Send the Old Hymn Books.

We are in receipt of applications from struggling churches for donations of hymn books. Many of the stronger congregations have introduced, or are about introducing, the Hymnal into their devotional services. The old books will now be of no use to them; but they will greatly help our missionary enterprises. We therefore earnestly request the pastors of churches in which the change has been made, from their pulpits, to invite the people to bring together the discarded books, put them up in a package, and send them to the Board, so that we may give a favorable response to some of the applications we are receiving.

We have now on hand several applications from the pastors and stated supplies of missionary churches, and from labourers among the freedmen, earnestly soliciting grants of these second-hand hymn books.

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<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Baltimore 1st ch 200; Westminster ch 69; Mt Paran ch 3	272 00	Mrs Mary R Mitchell 5; Tenth ch 217 89	242 89
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<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Galesville ch	3 00		295 65
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<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Sherrill's Mt ch	10 00	<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Friendsville ch 5; Wabash ch 3	8 00
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Libertyville ch	2 00	<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Decatur ch	29 00
<i>Pby of Fort Dodge</i> —Ostfriesland ch	2 00	<i>Pby of Southern Minnesota</i> —Preston ch 2; Ashland ch 2; Kasson ch 1; Claremont ch 1	6 00
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Wabash ch 7; Roanoke ch 3	10 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Centre Unity ch Hanna Fund	52 20
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Central ch	5 00	<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Zoar ch 6; Emanuel ch 8	14 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Tamaqua 1st ch 6; Weatherly ch 3	9 00	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Elkland ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Lexington ch 4; Sullivan ch 2	6 00	<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Albany ch	1 00
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Brownsville ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Claysville ch 5; Three Springs ch 5; Holliday Cove ch 5	15 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Tennent ch 100; Freehold Village ch 30; Holmanville ch 3	133 00	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Williamstown ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Brooklyn Central ch	56 45	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —McConnellsville ch	6 20
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Charlestown ch	6 10		
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Titusville ch 25; Trenton 3d ch 28 47	53 47		
<i>Pby of Newcastle</i> —Kennett Square ch 5 60; Doe Run ch 5; Oxford ch 33	43 60		
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Poland ch	2 00		
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Shawnee ch	2 00		
<i>Pby of Oregon</i> —Clatsop ch	3 06		
<i>Pby of Patuxent</i> —Francisville ch	4 55		
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Morristown 1st ch 329 25; German ch 2	331 25		
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch	50 00		

MISCELLANEOUS.

Chester ch Sab sch per Rev A W Sproull 15; "W R C" Indianapolis from wife to send a copy of Hodge on the Atonement to one of the brethren in the far West 1 50; Sab sch of the South Salem ch per Rev A L Lindsley, 10; S R S 5; Miss Elizabeth S per Bro Samuel Shields 25; Ladies of the Spring Garden ch per Mr Jas Russell 15

\$1,904 24

WINTHROP SARGENT, *Treasurer.*

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. I. Coe.

Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo.

Fiscal year closes April 1, 1868.

What Encouragement shall we give?

The subjoined letter from an esteemed pastor in one of our most rapidly peopling States recites the trials common to church enterprises in new communities. With the large excess of applications over our means, (now about \$60,000), the encouragement we can give to this, and to scores of similar enterprises, must depend upon the liberality of the friends of Christ on this behalf. Our brother says:

“Our church here was organized four years ago with nine members, and one elder. Nearly three years ago, I was invited to visit them with a view to settlement. The invitation stated that they had then seventeen members—had built a parsonage; but had no house of worship. . . . After my coming, we worshipped in the school-house for three months—then in a hall for a year. Since then, in a larger hall, capable of seating from two hundred to two hundred and fifty. But it is used for concerts, festivals, travelling shows, balls, and everything that pays; and has not quite the air of the house of God. Sometimes the light fantastic toe comes close upon the heels of prayer, &c., &c.

“The village and the prairie for miles all around is very new. It is settling rapidly, but the large majority have come hither since I did. It has taken all their means to buy their farms, and put stock and buildings on them. In most cases, the results of farming come short of expectations for the first two or three years, and the expenses far surpass them. I don't see how the people here are to build of their own means such a house as we need even now. We may now call our membership seventy, and when our congregation is all in, the hall which we use is crowded. If we were to build even a third larger, at the rate population is increasing, the house would be too small in a year or two. But I don't see how to expect the means to build even for present wants out of a people so recently arrived here. From what I have detailed of their doings, you may feel assured that they will do to the utmost of their ability. Now what encouragement can you give us from the Board?”

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN FEBRUARY, 1868.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Gloversville ch	\$11 65	53 60; Lower Ten Mile ch 8 80; Three Springs ch 4; Holliday's Cove ch 6	\$72 40
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Westhampton ch	6 00	<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —West Liberty ch	8 17
<i>Pby of Topeka</i> —Fort Scott ch	*8 85	<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch	50 00
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Odin ch	2 61	<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Woodhull ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Sugar Creek ch	10 00	<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Farmington ch. add'l, 5; North Sangamon ch 11; West Okaw ch 10	26 00
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Evangelical ch, St Peter's	5 00	<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —East Palestine ch 2 75; Columbiana ch 2 25; Leetonia ch 2	7 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Hollidaysburg ch, sp'l, 46 77	46 77	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —McConnellsville ch	7 10
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Providence ch, (from a lady) 2 50; Pottstown ch 11	13 50	<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Lafayette ch	2 60
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Red Oak ch	11 00	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Concord ch 11 10; Plum Creek ch 24; Smixburg and Plumville, chs 6; Leechburg 16	57 10
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Tennent ch 50; Holmanville ch 3	53 00	<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Paterson ch, German	5 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Pennington ch 25; Trenton 3d ch 20 46; Cranberry 1st ch, special, (80 4)	125 86	<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Brownsville ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Clinton ch	11 22	<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Cochranstown ch 10 00; Sugar Creek ch 7 25	17 25
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Chester Sab-seh	9 00	<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Plain Grove ch	21 50
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Elkland ch	2 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Centre Unity (Hanna Fund)	52 20
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Bridge St ch, Georgetown	34 37		
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Tamaqua 1st ch 5; Weatherly ch 3	8 00		
<i>Pby of S. Minnesota</i> —Ashland ch 2; Clermont ch 1; Kasson 1	4 00		
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Mt Paran ch	4 00		
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Big Spring ch 35; Bedford ch 24; Chambersburg ch 72 75	131 75		
<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Albany ch	1 00		
<i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Kansas City ch	30 00		
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Wheeler 1st ch, special,			

LEGACIES.

Estate of S. W. Mitchell, New Florence, Pa. 276;
Bequest of Miss Elizabeth S. Field, Philadelphia, 25

Total receipts for February, 1867, \$1,166 30

DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,
St. Louis, Mo.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,

AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Pleasant Valley ch	\$7 50	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Doylestown ch 15 70;	
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —New Castle ch 52; Slippery Rock ch 10	62 00	Norristown ch 57 45; a Lady of Providence ch 2 50	75 05
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Frederick ch 20; Baltimore 1st ch 100; Westminster ch 94	214 00	<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Fairfield ch 3 80; Centreville ch 4	7 80
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Chambersburg ch	119 80	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Hopewell ch 9 10; Sab-sch of Lawrenceville ch 3 75	12 85
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —New York Avenue ch, Washington, 103; Bridge St ch, Georgetown 27 55, 130 55		<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Round Hill ch 16 12; Harmony ch 2	18 12
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Bethel ch	9 22	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Smixburg and Plumville chs 5 60; Concord ch 11	16 60
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch	50 00	<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Rockford 1st ch	1 50
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Shawneetown ch	9 35	<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —Truro ch	5 10
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Charlestown ch	7 00	<i>Pby of S. Minnesota</i> —Austin ch 1 50; Clermont ch 1; Kasson ch 1	3 50
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Decatur 1st ch 33 90; Providence ch 12 00	45 90	<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Evangelical St Peter ch	5 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Mt Carmel ch	4 50	<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Brownsville ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Mt Vernon ch 4; Red Oak ch 10 50	14 50	<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Yellow Creek ch 10; Deerfield ch 6 25	16 25
<i>Pby of St. Louis</i> —1st Ger ch 5; Emanuel ch 10 00	15 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —New Philadelphia ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Albany ch	2 00	<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Concord ch 6 75; Bethel ch 3	9 75
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Burlington ch	36 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Lower Ten Mile ch 8 50; Holliday's Cove ch 10; Three Springs ch 5, 23 50	10 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Eckley ch 11; White Haven ch 5; Weatherly ch 3; Tamaqua 1st ch 5,	24 00	<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Fond du Lac ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Squan Village ch 3 30; Holmansville ch 2; Tennent ch 50	55 30	<i>Pby of Fort Dodge</i> —East Friesland ch	2 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Cranberry 1st ch 16; Trenton 3d ch 20	36 00		\$1,584 58
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —John Chandler, Esq. of Newark 3d ch	50 00	A Friend in Burlington, N J	5 00
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Elkland ch 2; Rome ch 2,	4 00	Mrs J E De Klyn of Irvington, N Y	3 33
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Westminster ch 66 09; Chelsea ch 52	118 09	"Granite State"	3 00
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Sing Sing ch	110 00	Bequest of Miss Elizabeth S Field, late of Philadelphia	25 00
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Waveland ch	13 00	Interest on Permanent Funds	180 00
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Clear Fork ch 4; Chesterville ch 6 90	10 90		\$1,800 91
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Dalton ch 32 30; Apple Creek ch 18; Fredericksburg ch 26; East Hopewell ch and Nashville ch 10	86 30		
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Mc Connellsville ch 7; Washington ch 27; Salem Ger ch 2 05	36 05		
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Centre ch 11; Hopewell ch 13	24 00		
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Jersey Shore ch	30 00		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Scots ch 20 10; Chester ch 15	35 10		

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GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, March 5th, 1867.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

Some of our aged recipients from the fund are much afflicted. In the following extract from a letter written by one of them, the reader will see a sample both of their sufferings and their consolation. The writer is the surviving wife of a missionary who laboured many years in the West. Since her husband's death, she has been sustained by the fund, for which she is very grateful. It will be inferred, from what she writes of her physical condition, that she will probably be permitted, before long, to follow her ascended husband: "Though dependent on them for my means of living," she says, "I am too feeble to do anything of myself to earn them. My nervous system is shattered—my limbs are almost out of my control, especially those on one side; and at times my whole system is agitated and racked with spasms. But in all this bodily suffering, my faith is unwavering; and my Saviour is near. He will sustain those who put their trust in him; and He is all-sufficient."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary*, DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., *Treasurer*, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Wm. MAIN, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

Ebenezer Coloured Church.

This church is located eight miles from Sumter, S. C. It was organized last July with one hundred and fifty-six members, and up to this date has been worshipping in a house built by Mr. J. J. Knox in his own yard. The church is made up of what were called "field hands," and is now supplied with preaching every Sabbath by either Rev. M. R. Miller, or Rev. J. C. Gibbs. Brother Miller in his last report, says: "The order in our congregations are good. Our influence seems to be reaching to a greater distance, and all things look promising in the schools. We are trying to build up a Christian and intelligent community from the most uncultivated materials. The good will of the people is our chief encouragement."

Mr. Knox, who is an elder in the Southern church, and who is really the founder of this whole mission, has given twenty acres of land to the Committee on Freedmen for the use of this church, and he is now superintending the erection of the church building, and also a house for the teachers or ministers employed in the mission. The Board of Church Extension has, through the Committee, made an appropriation to aid in this building. The following is an extract from a communication from Mr. Knox, which has just come to hand, viz :

"The house is forty by sixty feet, which will serve both for a school and chapel, and it can be ready for use one month from this date. It will require one hundred and fifty dollars more to provide sashes, doors, and pews.

"THE HOUSE FOR TEACHERS.—The heavy materials are out and on the ground. The contractor for the chapel will put it up complete for a *hundred dollars*.

"THE CONDITION OF THE FREEDMEN FORBIDS THEIR DOING ANYTHING MORE.—They have given their labour liberally in getting out the heavy timber for both these houses. On my place, they are erecting new houses upon lands purchased of me. It will require all their means and labour to support their families, and complete their new settlement. The Freedmen on the surrounding plantations are equally poor, ignorant, and depraved. Without the continued aid of Christian friends at the North in founding and sustaining schools and churches among them, the freedmen will sink so low in the scale of being, as to become to society, themselves, and their race, a curse instead of a blessing, and a living reproach to the civilization and Christianity of the age. If the Southern people were willing, they are not able to render substantial aid in this, perhaps the greatest missionary work of our times. I trust that God will dispose many of our good people throughout our *common country* to 'consider the poor.'

Truly yours, J. J. KNOX."

We have been enabled by the gift of one of our former missionaries—an estimable lady, who has been compelled by ill-health to leave the field—to send the one hundred dollars needed to complete the teacher's house, and the work goes rapidly on.

A Simple, Cheap, and Powerful Agency.

In this age of intense activity, when so many calls are made on the Church, business men demand that the plan of operation in every missionary field should combine simplicity, economy, and efficiency. We present such a one without one word of comment, satisfied that it will commend itself.

There are more than twenty-five candidates for the ministry pursuing their studies at the Biddle Memorial Institute, Charlotte, N. C. These young men are



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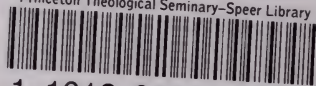
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